

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IEST STATUS TO ANDHRA UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding granting IEST status to the Andhra University Autonomous College of Engineering (AUACE);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which IEST status is likely to be given to AUACE?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Two criteria for granting IEST status to State Technical Universities, including AUACE, were that the Institutes should change their governance structure and admission procedure so as to give them a national character. However, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had informed that as per the AP Educational Institutions (Regulations of Admissions) Order, 1974, commonly known as Presidential Order, issued under Article 371-D of the Constitution of India, the admission to 85% of available seats in every course of study in all educational institutions are reserved in favour of 'local candidates'. Hence taking away of these reserved seats is likely to cause severe resentment among 'local candidates' of Telangana/Andhra region. In view of this, the Government of India has decided not to grant IEST status to the AUACE. However, grants for upgradation of AUACE would be provided during the 11th Plan by the Central Government. During 2006-07, Rs. 8.00 crores and during 2007-08, Rs. 10.00 crores have been released to AUACE for its upgradation.